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Porter

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U.S. Patent No.	4,399,093	August 16, 1983	Kirby, et al.
U.S. Patent No.	4,654,181	March 31, 1987	Brandenstein, et al.
U.S. Patent No.	5,225,136	July 6, 1993	Furugohri, et al.
U.S. Patent No.	5,538,413	July 23, 1996	Gardner, et al.
U.S. Patent No.	5,690,886	November 25, 1997	Kurihara
U.S. Patent No.	5,766,654	June 16, 1998	Groleau
U.S. Patent No.	5,833,913	November 10, 1998	Ellwood, et al.

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Respectfully submitted,  
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